

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 36-65 will be pending in the application, with claim 36, 46, and 56 being the independent claims. New claims 46-65 are sought to be added, thus an additional 10 total claims are requested, and a fee of \$250, based on small entity status is petitioned to be paid from the undersigned's deposit account 22-0261, Venable LLP. Additional claims fees are included in associated papers, however, should additional fees be due, they are hereby petitioned to be paid by deposit account 22-0261, and notice to the undersigned is respectfully requested.. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Action on page 2, section 3, claims 36-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due the phrase "transparent trap layer" used in claim 36. Claim 36 is amended to remove the word "transparent." Claim term "trap layer" is well supported in the specification, see, e.g., FIG. 3, and pages 11-14 of the application, as well as relevant portions, i.e., Col. 7, line 28 – Col. 8, line 24 of the present invention's parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,175). Applicants therefore submit that claim 36, as amended, is not indefinite, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn. In the absence of other grounds for rejection, Applicants respectfully request that claim 36 be allowed.

Further, claims 37-45 depend from claim 36 and are allowable as being dependent from an allowable claim. For at least the reasons set forth above, the remaining claims (including new claims 46-65) are believed allowable.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,


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